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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
JIRO MORIYAMA, ET AL.) : Examiner: M. Chau
Appln. No.: 10/718,721) : Group Art Unit: 2854
Filed: November 24, 2003) : Allowed: January 11, 2005
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LETTER SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed January 11, 2005, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, independent Claim 20 is directed to a method and does not recite any "means". Further, Claims 1 and 20 recite "printing" modes, not "processing" modes. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

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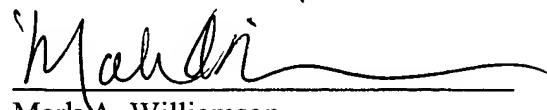
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Transmitted herewith are eight (8) sheets of formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheets presently on file in this application.

All the new drawing sheets are clearer versions of the sheets currently on file. In addition, Fig. 8 has been amended to change "STEP34" (first occurrence) to --STEP33--. Favorable consideration is requested.

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